

Erie Police Department



2014 Annual Report

Chief's Message

The Erie Police Department is moving forward! Throughout 2014, we saw the population continue to grow and the police department continued to provide quality police service to the residents, businesses and visitors to our town. I considered 2014 as the beginning of a transition period for the Erie Police Department and the town. The residents of Erie overwhelmingly approved the construction of our new police and courts facility at 1000 Telleen Avenue. In September, the Board of Trustees, Town Administrator A.J. Krieger, members of the police department and town staff participated in a ground-breaking ceremony. Our ground-breaking ceremony symbolized the transition the police department is undergoing to continue to provide quality service for our community. In addition, the Board of Trustees approved two additional police officer positions for the department for 2015 and three replacement police vehicles.

We experienced the implementation of the first year of the new strategic plan and I am very proud to say we accomplished the vast majority of our goals and objectives set for 2014. An example of a strategic plan accomplishment is Patrol's self-initiated activities. Our officers are proactive and performed many activities beyond responding to calls for service in 2014. Those activities included traffic safety and a number of crime prevention services. The 2014 strategic plan had a goal of 8840 self-initiated activities for the year and our patrol officers and supervisors conducted a whopping 15,138 self-initiated activities. We found open doors on newly built residences, investigated suspicious activities and prevented crimes and traffic accidents during the year.

We did see a slight increase in reported crimes and arrests in 2014. We know the increased population and activity in Erie will result in an increase in crime and traffic problems. We continue to focus our efforts on crime prevention to keep Erie safe. In fact, in August the real estate company Movoto ranked Erie as the #1 safest community in Colorado!

The Volunteer in Policing Service (VIPS) program continued to expand and we added nine new VIP's for a total of 14 volunteers providing service and support for our department. In 2014, the VIP's provided over 887 hours of service for the Erie Police Department, freeing up our officers to focus on other priority services.

The Erie Police Department continues to move forward. Our authorized sworn strength will increase to 24 in 2015. In January 2015, we created a second detective position and we added a sergeant position to provide additional supervisory coverage for Patrol. We anticipate our move to the new police-court facility in mid-2015. This move will allow us to focus on providing even better services to our community.

It continues to be an honor and privilege to lead the men and women of the Erie Police Department. I am pleased with the daily commitment and dedication demonstrated by the civilian and sworn staff of our department. It is through their on-going efforts that Erie remains a safe community and it is my privilege to present the 2014 Annual Report.

Marco Vasquez,



Chief of Police

Mission Statement

The mission of the Erie Police Department is to work with the community to prevent crime and disorder while improving the safety and quality of life for all.

Values

As members of the Erie Police Department, we proudly commit to the following values that will be used to guide our daily thoughts and actions:

*Integrity
Compassion
Dedication*

Accountability

*Impartiality
Excellence
Courage*

Vision

To be highly trained police professionals committed to our community.



THE ERIE POLICE DEPARTMENT, A PART OF THE COMMUNITY



The officers, employees and volunteers of the Erie Police Department are a group of individuals who work with the residents of Erie to prevent crime and disorder while improving the safety and quality of life for everyone. In 2014, the department was involved in a wide range of activities in the community including the Town Fair, National Night Out, Bike Safety Rodeo, Eerie Erie, 3rd of July Fireworks display, and a number of Concerts in the Park.

RESPECT FOR LAW



Respect for the Law Poster Contest Entry Form
(Return this form with your drawing)

Name: Alexis James
Age: 11 Grade: 5 School: Erie Elementary
Teachers Name: Mrs. Travis
Home Address: 6964 Sunset Ave City: Firestone
Phone Number: 303-517-8235
Email: hbiwouu@

Print Parent(s) Name: Lynnette Harvey Jones

A parent MUST sign to enter the contest: Lynnette R. Harvey Jones

Your entry should include a written paragraph describing the law it represents and why it is important.
Your writing can be typed and attached to this form for submission.

The law is a set of rules that govern our society and/or the community around us. When people speak of the law I think of police officers because they enforce the laws, which protect us in our everyday life and help make our communities a safer place to live. They are dedicated to protecting the people within their jurisdiction and most people have a very high respect and honor for police officers.

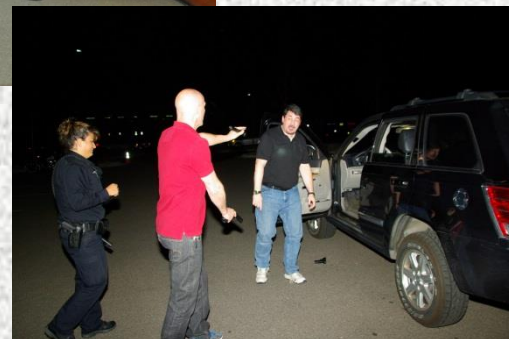
By having laws in effect and the police officers enforcing them, I feel safe and I'm able to do more things because of that security. Without police officers, there would be a lot of crime and everyone would be out of control.

Congratulations to 11 year old Alexis James from Mrs. Travis' 5th Grade Erie Elementary School Class for her winning entry in the Optimist Club of Erie's Respect for the Law Poster contest. Alexis' drawing was done on respecting the police and understanding the benefit they provide to the community.

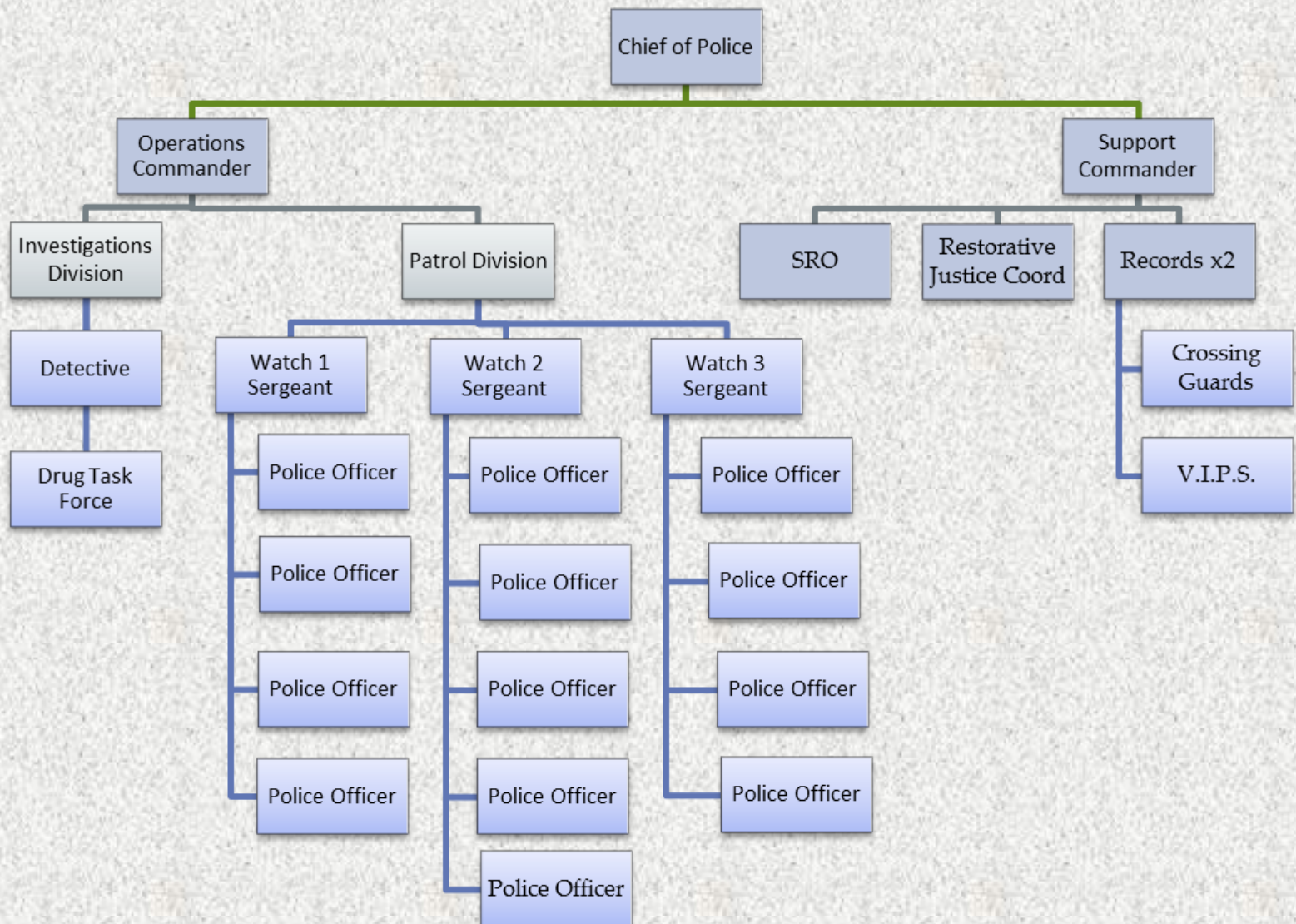


Citizen's Police Academy

Every Friday night from March 7th - May 9th, 2014, 20 individuals took the time to attend the Erie Police Department's 14th session of the Citizen's Police Academy. During this academy, participants learned about the Erie Police Department, state and municipal laws, police procedures, traffic stops, crime scene processing and firearms safety. The 20 Citizens who graduated from the 2014 academy represented the largest graduating class in the history of the program for the Erie Police Department.



Erie Police Department 2014 Organizational Chart



The Erie Police Department consisted of 22 sworn officers in 2014 including the Chief of Police, two Commanders, 1 General Detective a Boulder County Drug Task Force Detective and a School Resource Officer assigned to Erie High School. The department also employed 2 full time records personnel, a part time Restorative Justice Coordinator and several part time Crossing Guards.

Growing Forward

2014 Accomplishments, Achievements and Events



- **1/23/14 PD Open House:** An open house providing tours of the current police facilities was conducted over two days during this week. A total of approximately 100 people attended the events and were given tours of the police department by Keep Erie Safe committee members.



- **1/27/14 New Hire:** Officer Brittany Brodbeck was sworn-in; she is the second female officer currently serving the Town of Erie.
- **2/20/14 Annual In-Service Training:** Training for all police officers was conducted which consisted of Use of Force training and scenarios, DNA collection and crime scene evidence considerations, Search and Seizure and procedures for calling out the Boulder County Bomb Squad.



- **4/1/14 Ballot Measure 2A:** Ballot Measure 2A passed with 58% of the voters approving the construction of a police/municipal court facility. This was the result of a concerted effort of a group of citizens who formed the Keep Erie Safe Committee.
- **5/9/14 Citizen's Academy:** 20 graduates completed the 2014 citizen's academy. This marked the largest graduating class of the 10 week course since its implementation in 1999.

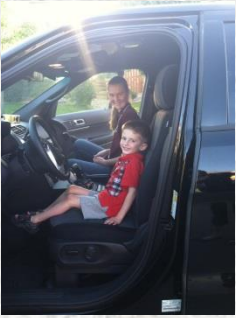


- **5/17/14 Erie Town Fair:** The 2014 Erie Town Fair was held with the police department providing extra coverage for the event and also hosting a booth. Several thousand people attend the all-day event with no reports of significant crime or disorder problems.

- **5/29/14 Hash Oil/MMJ Training:** We hosted a multi agency training regarding the manufacture of Hash Oil and the dangers surrounding this process. Also included was an update on Medical Marijuana. Training was attended by approximately 70 individuals from various agencies.

- **6/1/14 Guardian Tracking:** Our department adopted the Guardian Tracking software for tracking employee's performance. This software replaced the Supervisor's Situation Report and make it easier for supervisors to keep track of all aspects of an employee's performance





- **7/3/14 July 3rd Fireworks:** Colorado National Golf Course hosts their Annual July 3rd Fireworks event. Several thousand people attend the show with very few problems outside of traffic issues and a minor DUI accident. The Police Department provided Incident Command and extra duty officers for the event. As well as volunteers in policing who assisted with missing children reports.

- **8/5/14 National Night Out:** Officers and volunteers of the Erie Police Department visited several block parties in support of National Night Out. This event promotes crime prevention by getting to know you neighbors and establishing a sense of community.

- **8/7/14 Bike Registration Program:** During the late summer we implemented a program to register bicycles for Erie Residents, both on line and in person. Information will be retained to help identify found and recovered bicycles throughout town.

- **9/12/14 New Building Ground Breaking:** The Ground Breaking ceremony for our new police and municipal court facility was held at Telleen and County Line Rd. The building is scheduled to be completed in the summer of 2015.

- **10/25/14 Trunk or Treat:** Erie officers and volunteers participate in the 2014 Trunk or Treat Event at the Erie Community Center. The trunk of a patrol car was decorated and candy was passed out to the kids in attendance.

- **11/01/14 CERT Training:** Erie Police Department hosted a community training for a Community Emergency Response Team. 25 citizens and volunteers in policing attended this training.

- **11/12/14 Below 100 Training:** Erie Police Department hosted Below 100 training for all Erie officers and other outside agencies. Training focused on reducing line-of-duty fatalities for police officers.

- **11/24/15 Awards Ceremony:** The 2014 Erie Police Department Awards Ceremony is held at the Erie Community Center. Several awards are given out to various officers, including a Life Saving Award for Officer Kyle Talbert and a Superior Tactics and Response award to Sergeant Jamison and Officer Mayhue.

- **12/5/14 Country Christmas:** Officers helped with the Country Christmas Parade of Lights on Briggs St. Officer led the parade from Erie Pkwy north to Briggs St and then to the Country Christmas event located at Brigg St & Moffat St.



Volunteers in Police Service

The Erie Police Department Volunteers in Police Service, or VIPS program, is staffed by community members who are willing to volunteer their time to help the department with various roles within the organization. The volunteers assisted the department with special events, data entry and other day-to-day tasks within the department. Erie Police Department VIPS put in over 887 hours of volunteer work in 2014.



Public Safety and Municipal Court Ground Breaking

On September 12th, 2014, the Town of Erie broke ground on a new Public Safety and Municipal Court building at the Corner of East County Line Road and Telleen Avenue. The new facility will house the Erie Police Department and Erie Municipal Court as the Town of Erie continues to grow over the next several years.



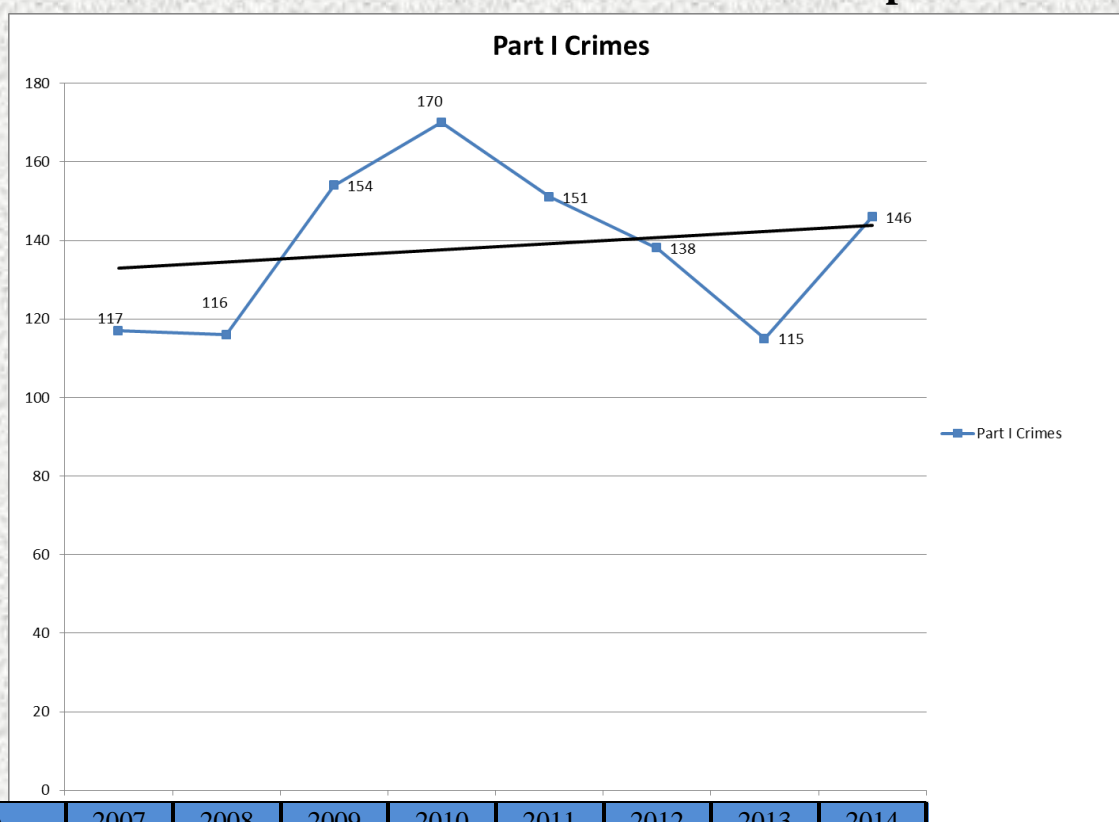
The start of construction on this facility was made possible by a group of dedicated citizens, who worked tirelessly to help pass Ballot measure 2A in April 2014. This measure secured funding for construction and made this new public safety facility a reality. The Erie Police Department and Erie Municipal Court plan to move operations to their new facility in the summer of 2015.



2014 Crime Statistics

The Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program divides offenses into two groups, **Part I** and **Part II** crimes. Each month, participating law enforcement agencies submit information to the FBI on the number of **Part I** offenses that become known to them; those offenses cleared by arrest or exceptional means; and the age, sex, and race of persons arrested for each of the offenses. The UCR Program collects data about **Part I** offenses in order to measure the level and scope of crime occurring throughout the Nation. The program's founders chose the **Part I** offenses because they are serious crimes, they occur with regularity in all areas of the country, and they are likely to be reported to police. The following statistics show the **Part I** crimes reported in the Town of Erie in 2014 and in past years for comparison.

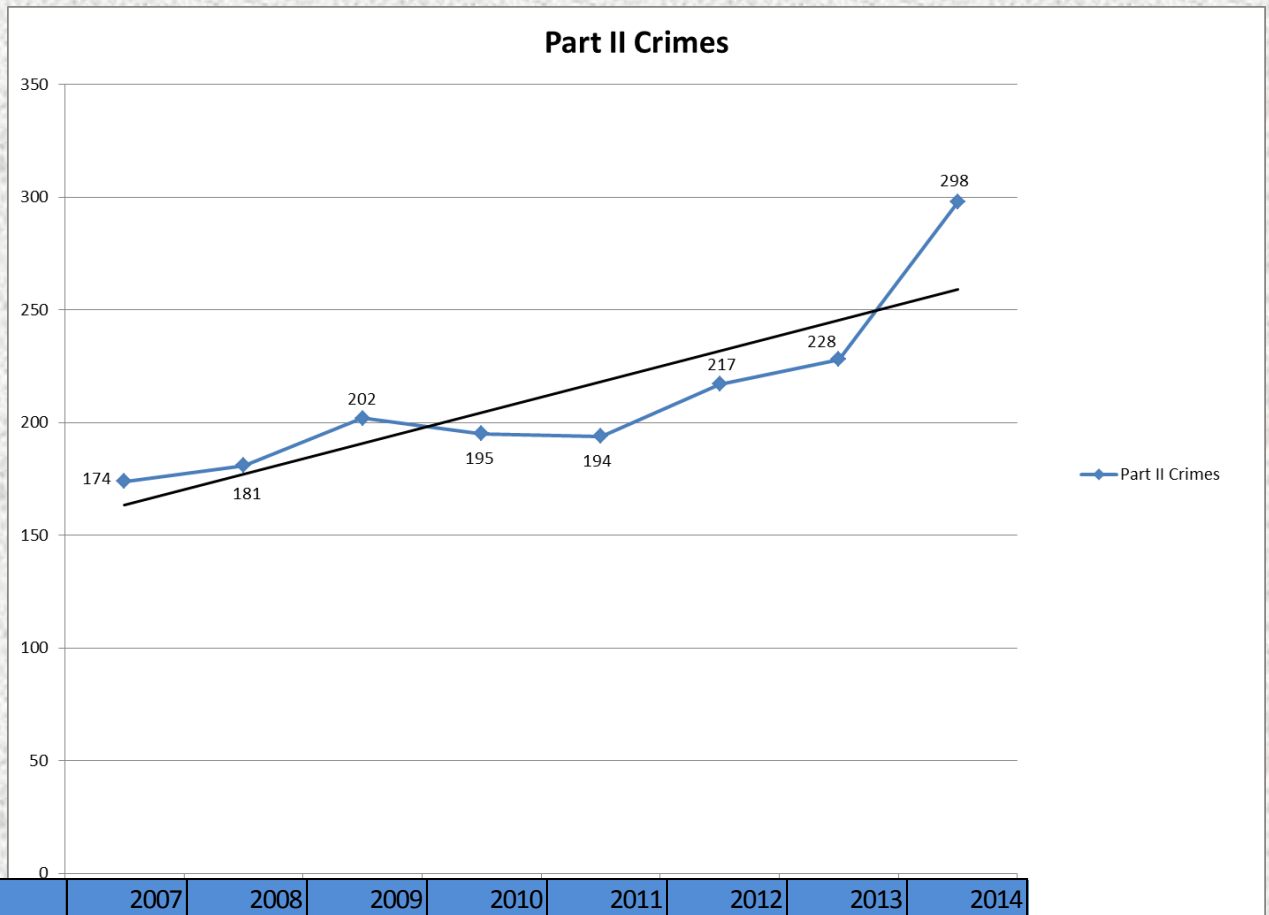
Town of Erie Part 1 Crimes Historical Comparison



Crime	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Murder	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sex Offense	1	0	0	2	3	1	1	4
Aggravated Assault	2	1	4	3	10	8	9	5
Robbery	0	0	2	1	0	1	1	1
Burglary	37	19	23	47	35	26	14	17
Theft	64	79	114	104	94	99	86	113
Vehicle Theft	9	11	9	12	8	3	4	4
Arson	4	6	2	1	1	0	0	2
Totals	117	116	154	170	151	138	115	146

Part II Crimes

Part II crimes are crimes where only arrests are reported to the FBI, however the below chart shows all such crimes reported in Erie during 2014, not just arrests. These types of crimes are not generally considered to be as serious as Part I crimes and they are not used in the calculation of a community's crime rate by the FBI.



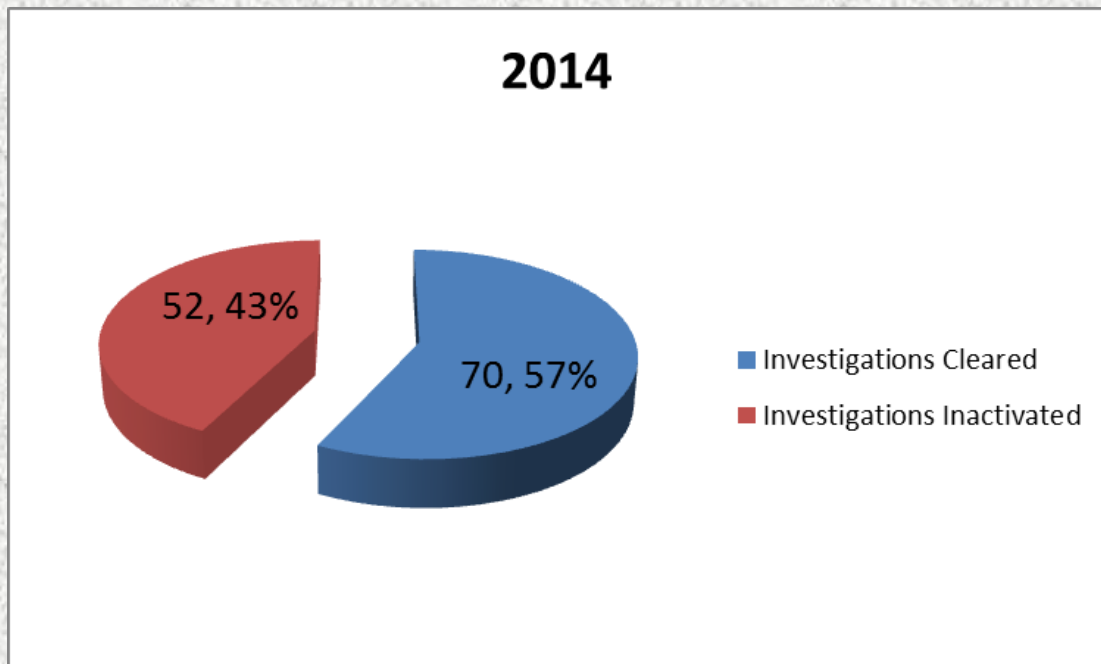
Crime	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Criminal Mischief	75	71	76	71	63	82	75	114
Simple Assault	34	39	56	45	38	42	69	63
Fraud	28	29	28	41	54	36	33	39
Forgery	6	5	7	6	4	7	6	7
Weapon Offenses	3	3	1	1	1	1	2	5
Drug Offenses	28	34	34	31	34	49	43	70
Total	174	181	202	195	194	217	228	298

Erie Police Clearance Data 2014

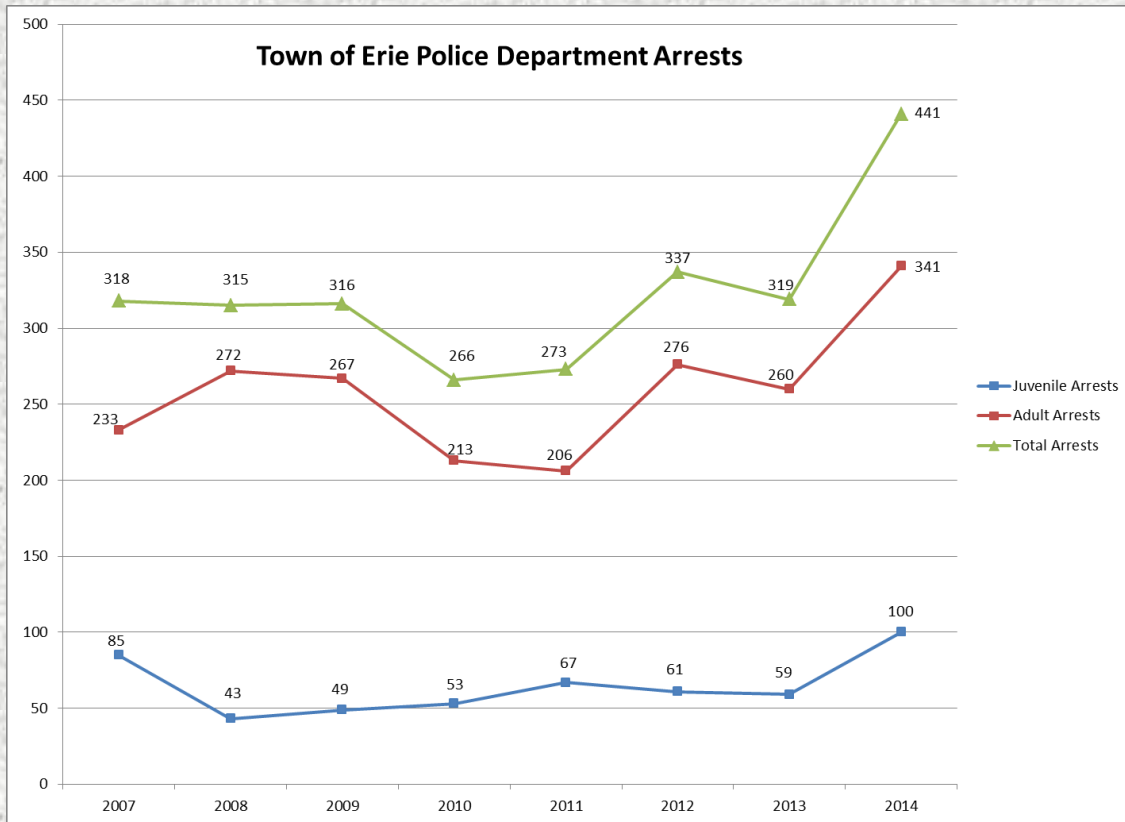
CASES ASSIGNED

In 2014 the Investigations Section of the Erie Police Department had one general detective and one detective assigned to the Boulder County Drug Task Force. The general detective typically investigates all felony and serious misdemeanor crimes. In 2014, the detective was assigned 122 cases for investigation/follow-up and managed a 57% clearance rate.

Overall the department had a 43.8% clearance rate. This includes cases assigned to patrol officers and is above the national average clearance rate.



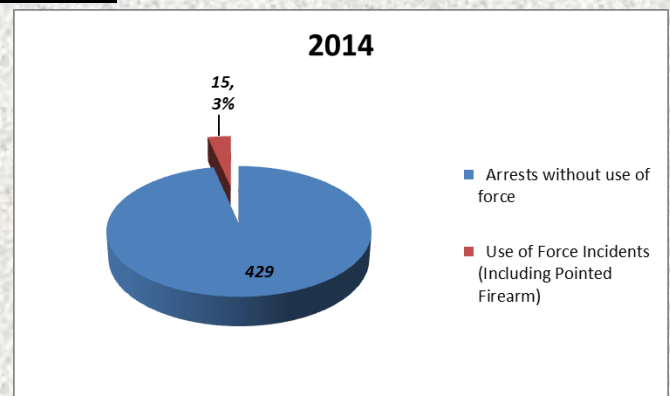
ARRESTS



The number of arrests reflected in the chart above includes any individual who was charged with committing a criminal offense within the town of Erie in 2014. It does not include traffic violations, code violations, and other minor municipal code violations that are not reported to the FBI as arrests.

Use of Force

The use of force is defined as any action which may cause, is alleged to cause, or does cause injury to a person. By Erie Police Department Directive the pointing of a firearm at an individual is considered a use of force.



Total number of Use of Force Incidents in 2014

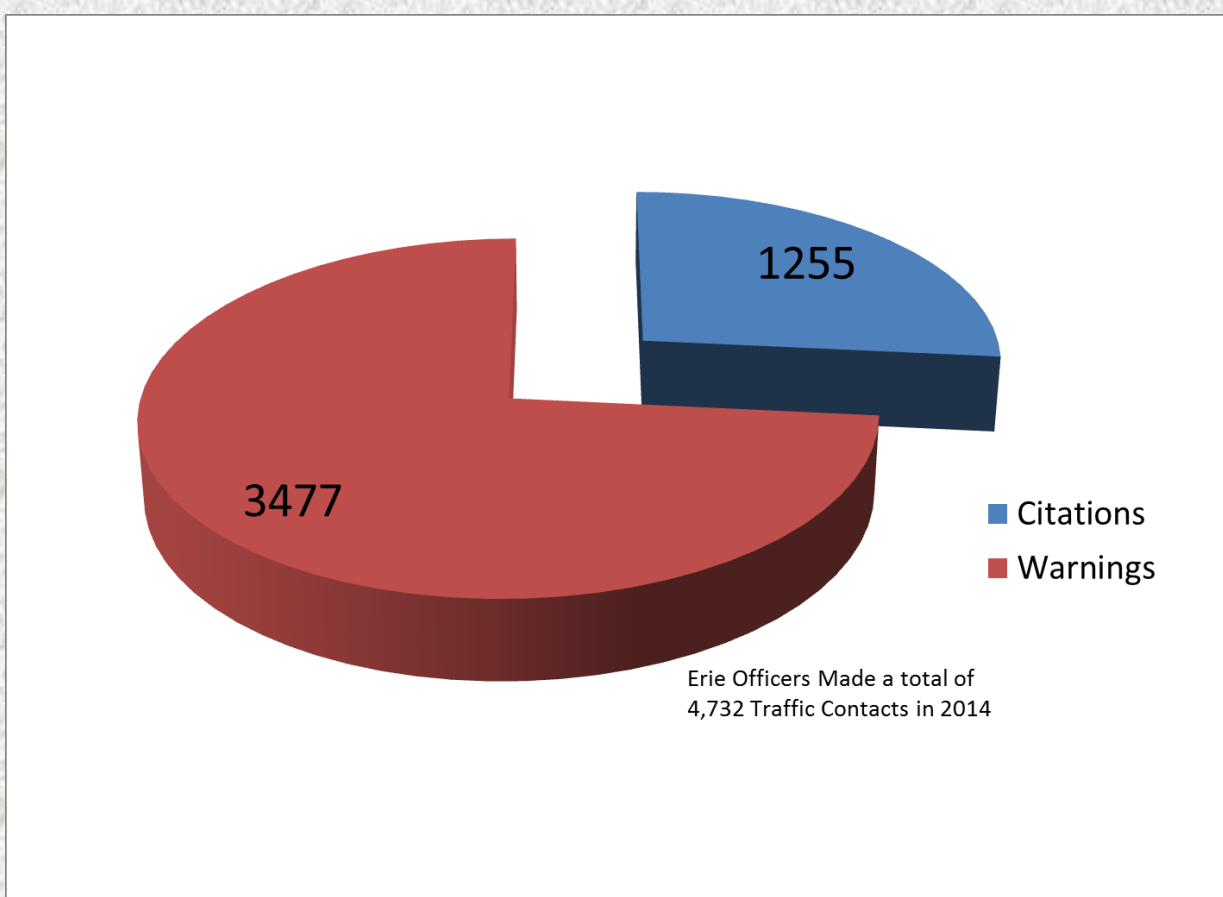
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Use of Force percentage compared to number of Arrests

3.4%

Traffic Statistics

The concern most often expressed to the Police Department by citizens is generally regarding traffic safety within the Town of Erie. Below is a breakdown of citations and warnings given by officers during traffic stops made in 2014. Officers focused on violations that affected traffic safety in 2014, including speeding, traffic signal violations and other serious violations.



DUI Arrests

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
DUI Arrests	53	46	45	40	63	68	84

Traffic Accidents

Property damage accidents increased by approximately 10% in 2014 compared to 2013. Injury accidents decreased by approximately 31% compared to the previous year.

Year	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Injury Accidents	13	18	16	17	11	19	13
Property Damage Accidents	117	118	104	127	113	137	151
Total	130	136	120	144	124	156	164



School Resource Officer

Officer Jaime Chester was the School Resource Officer responsible for patrolling and taking criminal reports in the Erie High School, Middle School and Elementary School in 2014. The SRO is responsible for teaching classes and making presentations on various subjects during the school year including teaching a Junior Police Academy at Erie High School.



Restorative Justice Program

The Restorative Justice Program allows first time juvenile offenders the opportunity to reintegrate into the community as someone who has taken responsibility for their actions and repaired the harm they have caused. Offenders sometimes are required to complete community service, pay restitution or take other approved actions.

Restorative Justice Statistics for 2014

Cases referred	14
Offenders participating	23
Victims participating	9

Animal Control

Erie Police Officers are responsible for Animal Control in the Town of Erie. Below are some statistics relating to animal control performed by the Erie Police Department in 2014. Dogs impounded by officers are transported to the Humane Society in Boulder.

General Animal Complaints*	Animals Impounded by Officers	Animal related citations issued
292	40	50

*Includes Barking Dog, Animal Neglect, Dog at Large and other types of Animal Complaints



Code Enforcement

Code Enforcement addresses various issues within the town, such as upkeep of property and nuisance abatement. The officers of the Erie Police Department work hand in hand with property owners to address these issues, improve the overall appearance of the Town and improve the quality of life for all.

	2012	2013	2014
Code Enforcement Complaints	172	188	144

Erie Police Officers investigate code enforcement complaints and animal complaints within the Town of Erie. Currently, there are no personnel dedicated to full time code enforcement or animal control.

2015 and Beyond

In 2014, the members of the Erie Police Department continued to serve the residents and community of Erie with honor and distinction. While meeting the challenges of the present, the department also began to plan for the future. In 2015, completion of a new Public Safety facility will move the department to a new location in Town and help with efficiency and functionality. This will enable the department to continue to provide the community with excellent and professional police service.



New Public Safety Facility Construction Site February 2015.

The Department's Strategic Plan for 2015 includes action plans to train and equip the officers and other members of the department to meet the challenges of the future. This plan is available online at The Town of Erie web site,

www.erieco.gov.

